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Attn.: Mail Stop PCT  
Leonard Smith

Re: Your Ref.: 371 Formalities Letter (OC000000023336433) (Confirmation No. 8670), dated April 11, 2007  
Our Ref.: Muller-51  
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/563,237  
International Application No. PCT/DE04/01414  
International Filing Date: 07/02/2004  
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Dear Sir:

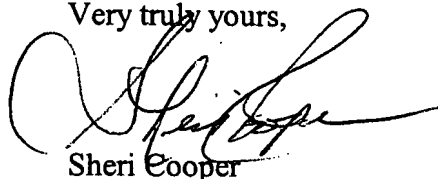
In accordance with Mr. Leonard Smith's instructions and responsive to the Notification of Defective Response for the referenced patent application, enclosed are the following:

1. Executed Declaration of the 4<sup>th</sup> inventor, Elmar Gramse; and
2. Application Data Sheet reflecting the correct country code in the priority claim.

We trust this completes the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371, and that no additional fees are required in connection with this submission; however, in the event a fee is found to be due, the U.S. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 02-4345. This authorization is provided in duplicate.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,



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## NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495)

- Priority Document
- Copy of the International Application filed on 01/03/2006
- English Translation of the IA filed on 01/03/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 01/03/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 01/03/2006
- Copy of Annexes to the IPER filed on 01/03/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 01/03/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 09/06/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 07/24/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 01/03/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 01/03/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 01/03/2006

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Applicant's response filed 09/06/2006 is hereby acknowledged. The following requirements set forth in the NOTIFICATION of MISSING REQUIREMENTS mailed 03/15/2006 have not been completed.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
  - Signature for 4th inventor, Elmar Gramse, is omitted and the country code in the priority claim is incorrect

**Applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of ONE MONTH from the date of this Notification or within the time remaining in the response set forth in the Notification of Missing**

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**Requirements, whichever is the longer. No extension of this time limit may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, but the period for response set in the Notification of Missing Requirements may be extended under 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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